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REPLY TO
ATTENTION OF

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MEMORANDUM FOR All U.S. Army Dental Command Personnel

SUBJECT: U.S. Army Dental Command (DENCOM) Policy Letter 04-33, Dental Readiness Reporting utilizing the Army's Medical Protection System (MEDPROS)


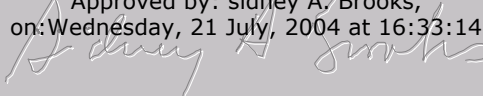
1. MEDPROS is the single, official individual medical/dental readiness data source for the Total Army. The Vice Chief of Staff of the Army and the Army Surgeon General have directed that reporting of all Individual Medical/Dental Readiness (IMR) issues, will utilize MEDPROS. MEDPROS will evolve to meet and respond to force health protection requirements as the Army evolves. MEDPROS is simply a **management tool** for leaders to determine in real time, the medical/dental deployability of their specific units.
2. To help reduce confusion on dental readiness statistics for units at Army installations, all Army Dental Care System (ADCS) personnel are directed to only use MEDPROS data for reporting purposes. The built-in Readiness reporting that is present in the Corporate Dental Application (CDA) is only for internal (DENTAC/DENCOM) use.
3. DENTAC Commanders will educate themselves on MEDPROS and will ensure that their staffs are knowledgeable, and have access to MEDPROS. DENTACs should no longer be reporting dental readiness to local unit commanders after 1 October 2004. Local unit commanders can access MEDPROS and extract this dental readiness data for their specific units. DENTAC Commanders must insure all completed dental treatment is recorded properly in CDA daily.
4. DENTAC Commanders will no longer assume responsibility for scrubbing unit rosters or correcting MEDPROS inaccuracies due to personnel assignment errors. That is the responsibility of the G -1 or S -1. Errors due to dental classification and or treatment will be corrected by the DENTAC using CDA. Management tools for reporting unit dental readiness, printing of rosters, tracking specific groups of soldiers, and identifying dental exam dates are all provided for the unit representatives in MEDPROS. The DENTAC readiness coordinators can and should provide assistance to units to shift the Dental Readiness reporting responsibilities to the units they support.
5. CDA still remains the tool for the DENTACs to update/input an individual soldier's readiness class. The DENTAC will continue to in/out-process soldiers in CDA, assign personnel to taskforces, update the readiness of treated personnel, utilize project codes, and check the

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“Deployed” box when required. Dental clinic readiness coordinators may take advantage of this information contained in CDA, i.e. generating rosters with this information and comparing to MEDPROS reports. This allows them a clearer picture of their supported units' status.

6. Point of contact is LTC Bruce B. Brehm at DSN 471-8865.

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